

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RESCISSION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2005-0055
(NPDES NO. CA0004057)
AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R5-2005-0056
for**

**FORMICA CORPORATION
SIERRA PLANT
PLACER COUNTY**

The Formica Corporation's former Sierra Plant manufactured and distributed plastic laminates. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0055 (NPDES Permit) and Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2005-0056 regulated treated cooling water discharged to an unnamed tributary of Pleasant Grove Creek. The NPDES Permit and Cease and Desist Order both contained compliance schedules for full compliance with effluent limitations. One option for compliance was to cease discharging by 1 June 2007. The Formica Corporation chose to close the Sierra Plant on 5 June 2007. During a 19 June 2008 inspection, Regional Water Board staff confirmed that the discharge had ceased. The NPDES Permit and Cease and Desist Order are no longer necessary.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 5/6 February 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Staff and/or Representatives of the Formica Corporation

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **23 January 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0055 and Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2005-0056 was issued on 3 November 2008. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **8 December 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **8 December 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the proposed rescission of the Formica Corporation Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0055 and Cease And Desist Order No. R5-2005-0056, should contact Ms. Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or ethayer@waterboards.ca.gov.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed By:

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

31 October 2008